the corridors of Connaught Place, New Delhi by placing marble and sandstones;

(b) if so, whether it has added to the original beauty of Connaught Place; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to restore the original beauty of Connaught Place immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the interior corridors/ varandahs have been modified in the past.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Though such treatment does not violate the unified building byelaws yet with a view to maintain aesthetics, traders have been asked not to change any exterior flooring, etc. The NDMC is also planning to prepare an architectural control for the entire Connaught Place in its totality with a view to maintaining the character of the shopping centre.

Irrigation Projects Pending Clearance due to Inter State water disputes

1231. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many irrigation projects have not been cleared because of inter State water disputes with break up;

(b) how many among them are more than three years old;

(c) how many among them are minor, medium and major projects in each State;

(d) what was the total cost of each of these projects when project reports were submitted;

(e) what is the estimated cost of each of these projects now; and

(f) what steps are being taken to clear and implement these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to c) Out of 20 major and 9 medium irrigation schemes *inter alia* involving Inter-State aspects, 11 major and 4 medium are pending for more than three years. Minor irrigation projects are cleared by the respective States.

(d) to (f) The total cost of these projects at the time of formulation was of the order of Rs. 4000 crores. Efforts to resolve the difference either by negotitations directly by the States among themselves or through the good offices of the Centre are being continued.

Coconut Cultivation

1232. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the are under coconut cultivation in Southern States during the fourth, fifth and sixth plans State-wise;

(b) what had been the production of coconut in each State during this period;

(c) whether there has been any increase or decrease in production and cultivated area in each State during this period; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase area under coconut cultivation during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Area and production of coconut in the Southern Sates during the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Plan periods is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) There has been increase in production and cultivated area of coconut in all the Southern States, except Kerala, which has shown declines during this period.

(d) The Government of India is implementing various schemes through the Coconut Development Board for increasing area/production under the crop. These include:

(i) *Expansion of area under coconut:* Under this projects, a sum of Rs. 3000 per hectare is being provided to coconut growers whose holding is less than 2 hectares.

(ii) Project for providing assistance for irigation facilities to coconut growers for subsidised distribution of pumpsets, development of irrigation sources in coconut gradens etc.

(iii) Production of quality coconut seedlings.

(iv) Project for coconut plantation on canal embankment in Orissa.

Besides, the Coconut Development Board is also implementing schemes on Package Programme on coconut, Production and Distribution of TxD hybrid seedlings and Establishment of hybrid seed gardens for DxT hybrids.

Statement

Area and Production of Coconut in Southern States

State	Annual Average Area (lakh hectares)			Annual Average Production (100 million nuts)		
	Fourth Plan	Fifth Plan	Sixth Plan	Fourth Plan	Fifth Plan	Sixth Plan
Andhra Pradesh . .	0.38	0.40	0.45	1.63	1.66	1.85
Karnataka . . .	1.34	1.54	1.84	6.74	7.91	9.57
Kerala . . .	7.29	6.94	6.75	39.23	33.59	30.56
Tamil Nadu . . .	1.03	1.10	1.31	9.33	10.89	12.98

Revocation of suspension order against NCCF officers

1233. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 183 and 465 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1986 and 5th December, 1986 respectively and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCCF is contemplating to revoke suspension of some officers involved in various scandals of NCCF in contradiction of what the Minister stated on the floor of the House on 6th May, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by NCCF it has not decided to revoke, for the present the suspension orders of any officer.

Foreign Liabilities of NAFED

1234. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item in which appeared in 'Navbharat Times' of 8th July, 1986, 9th July, 1986 and 10th July, 86 and in the Hindustan Times' of 27 January, 87 and 6th February, 87 regarding Foreign liabilities of NAFED;

(b) if so, what are the comments of Government on foreign liabilities of Rs. 21.01 crores of NAFED; and